(a) what amount has been given to the Buy Indian League of Madras last year;

(b) what is the total amount paid so far and what is the total sales effected through them?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(a) Rs. 1,100.

(b) 1. Rs. 1,950.

2. Rs. 323—1—4 through the Director of Public Instruction and Rs. 148—7—1 through the Honorary Superintendent, State Museum.

Death of workman named Bappoo.

157. Mr. M. A. Sankunni.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether they have received any representation from the Cochin Labour Union about the accidental death of a workman named Bappoo, employed in the Kassam Ayoob Oil Mills at Palluruthi;

(2) whether Government have made any enquiry in the matter; if so, by whom;

(3) whether the death of the said Bappoo was caused by his being caught by the machinery while the machine was in full working swing;

(4) whether Government have taken any steps to compel the mill-owner to grant subsistance allowance to the family of the deceased Bappoo?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes, by the Sub-Magistrate of Cochin and by the District Magistrate.

(3) Yes. By accidentally falling on the wheel.

(4) The mill authorities have already paid Rs. 30 towards the funeral expenses of the deceased, given Rs. 17 to the widow of the deceased and also a bag of rice. The Manager has also asked for permission from the Proprietor to pay something more to the widow and children. No compulsion has been brought to bear on the mill-owners for want of provision to do so.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether this 30 rupees is not very low in view of the fact that death occurred and that the whole family was dependent on him?

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Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Government are not in a position to express an opinion. It will depend upon the conditions of the family.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Won't the Workmen's Compensation Regulation apply to these cases?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I hope so. The Bill was passed only on the 27th Thulam 1111, a few months after the accident took place.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the whole matter be considered in the light of this Regulation?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I do not see any possibility of the matter being reconsidered.

Mr. M. V. Cherian.—During the course of the enquiry was it found out that the said Bappoo was compelled to do that particular work on that day?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—If it is the idea of the Hon'ble Members to pursue any remedy under the Workmen's Compensation Act it is better I think to avoid discussion on it in this House. The Sub-Magistrate and the District Magistrate have conducted enquiries into the matter. If the Hon'ble Members want any more information I have no objection to divulge the whole thing.

Mr. M. V. Cherian.—During the course of the enquiry was it found out that this Bappoo was asked to climb over the machine by the Manager?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—No. It was a matter of mere accident.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to know the details of the cause of accident.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—A part of the machine was in disorder. This man went to set it right of his own accord and the accident happened.

Mr. M. V. Cherian.—Was not the machine working at that time?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes, it was

Mr. M. V. Cherian.— Did the Manager or somebody in charge of the factory ask the man to do the work without stopping the machine?

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Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The Manager was absolutely unaware of the fact. He did it of his own accord.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ഈ വിധവയ്ക്ക എത്ര കുട്ടികൾ ഉണ്ടെന്ന ഗവമ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

Mr. T. S Narayana Ayyar.—We have no information.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.—അവരുടെ റപ്രസെൻറേഷൻ വല്ലതും ഗവമ്മെൻറിലേയ്ക്ക നേരിട്ട ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നവോ?

Mr. T. S Narayana Ayyar.—Recently a petition was received from the Secretary of the Cochin Labour Union. It was received about the 3rd or 4th of February and we have sent it again to the District Magistrate for remarks.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— അധ്യക്ത സംരക്ഷകൻ വഴിക്ക വല്ല ഹർജികളും അയച്ചതു ഗവമ്മെൻറിനു കിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes, one was received long ago and it is on account of the action taken on that that the enquiry was conducted.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— അധ്യക്ത സംരക്ഷകൻ അവർകളുടെ ശുപാശ് എന്തായിരുന്നുവെന്ന ഗവമ്മെൻറു മയവായി പറയുമോ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I have no definite recollection. There was some recommendation to help this family.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether this labourer did this work without any direction from the management?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was it not with the intention of the promotion, progress and welfare of the factory that he did it?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It is rather difficult to answer that question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Had he any selfish purpose or interest other than the interests of the company?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It all depends on the mentality of the man at that time.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does the Hon'ble Secretary concede the point that there was necessity for the repair?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I do not make any concession at all.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does the Hon'ble Secretary hold that it was an unnecessary repair?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I am not in position to say that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether the Government have taken any steps to bring pressure on the authorities concerned to come to the relief of the family of the deceased?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—They have.

Mr. M. V. Cherian.—From the enquiry was it disclosed that the factory would lose a heavy amount if the machinery was stopped?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I do not think any such point was elicited.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, what the approximate amount will be which the Management have decided to give apart from this rupees 30?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Government have no definite information about it.

Statistics of literates above 21 years of age.

158. Mr. K. S. Panickar.—Will the Government be pleased to place a statement on the table showing separately the number of literates of 21 years of age and above among Ezhuvas, Christians, Muslims, Nayars, Tamil Brahmins and Malayala Brahmins as per the Census of 1931?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The time and labour involved will not be commensurate with the purpose served.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ഈ ചോദ്യംമൂലം എന്നാണ് കിട്ടിയതെന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The question was admitted by the President on the 10th of January 1936.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ഇത്രയധികകാലം ഇതിനെ പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കുവാൻ സമയമില്ലാതിരുന്നുവെന്നു പറയുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എം. ഇബ്രാഹിം.— അവശസമുദായങ്ങളുടെ കാര്യങ്ങളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ഈവക സംഗതികളിൽ ഒരു ശരിയായ കണക്കു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനുണ്ടായിരിക്കേണ്ടതു് ഭരണത്തിന്റെ ഗുണത്തിനാവശ്യമല്ലേ?

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